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Dear Mr. Morisy:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 7, 2013, and received at the NASA Headquarters FOIA Office on April 8, 2013. NASA Langley Research Center is responding to your request on behalf of the Agency. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 13-HQ-F-00519. Your request was for a copy of all emails, memos, correspondence and other documents between March 1, 2012, and the date of your request relating to:

- 1) The decision to take NTRS offline (see below for a descriptive article on this situation).
- 2) Plans/processes/procedures/timelines for restoring this database for public use.
- 3) Difficulties in conducting the review process.
- 4) Current status of the review process.
- 5) Communications between NASA and Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) regarding NTRS and the public posting of other NASA technical materials.

In your request, you asserted status as a representative of the news media. On April 12, 2013, NASA HQ sent you a letter asking you to provide justification to warrant news media status in accordance with Department of Justice guidance.

You did not respond to our letter with the requested justification within 20 working-days as requested and you were not provided with news media status nor provided with a fee waiver. However, as a courtesy, we are providing you with responsive documents pertaining to the information you have requested. Therefore, your request has been closed.

In addition, please note that the NASA Technical Reports Server (NTRS) is online and can be accessed at the following url: <http://www.sti.nasa.gov>.

Please note that a representative of the news media is not always afforded a complete fee waiver. Copy fees (as well as direct fees) may be charged following the first 100 pages of

duplication. Requests for a waiver or a reduction of fees are considered on a case-by-case basis and are based on several factors.

Please contact Lubna Shirazi at [Lubna.M.Shirazi@nasa.gov](mailto:Lubna.M.Shirazi@nasa.gov) or 202-358-2034 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carissa S. Wheeler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Carissa S. Wheeler, FOIA Officer  
NASA Langley Research Center